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**EL PASO MAN INDICTED IN CONNECTION WITH
KIDNAPPING OF 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in El Paso this afternoon, a federal grand jury returned a seven-count indictment against 20-year-old Julio Adrian Martinez (a.k.a. "Dreamer") in connection with the kidnapping of a 15-year-old Vinton Texas, girl on September 23, 2008.

Martinez is charged with kidnapping; transportation of a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity; travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct; engaging in illicit sexual conduct in foreign places; transportation of minor to a foreign country for the purpose of engaging in sexually explicit conduct; and, two counts of coercion or enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity.

According to court documents, on September 23, 2008, El Paso County Sheriff's deputies responded to a kidnapping complaint in Vinton. The resulting investigation revealed that Martinez allegedly kidnapped his girlfriend, and traveled to a residence in Juarez, Mexico, where he raped his victim.

The next morning, after hearing a broadcast of the Amber alert issued by authorities, the victim managed to escape from the residence through an open window and traveled on foot to the U.S.-Mexico border. Upon entering the United States, she informed U.S. Customs and Border Protection authorities that she was the female subject in the Amber alert.

Authorities arrested Martinez on November 25, 2008, after he surrendered at the Paso del Norte Port of Entry.

Martinez, who remains in custody without bond, faces up to life in federal prison upon conviction.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney J. Brandy Gardes is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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